

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Abraham  
3 Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln is celebrating its 100th  
4 anniversary this year; and

5 WHEREAS, The hospital was begun in 1902 as St. John's  
6 Evangelical Home and Hospital under the auspices of St.  
7 John's Evangelical Church (now St. John's United Church of  
8 Christ) and was later known as Evangelical Deaconess  
9 Hospital; the old hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary in  
10 June 1952 but the facilities had become inadequate; the  
11 Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital project began as an  
12 ecumenical movement and in May 1952 ground was broken for the  
13 new hospital building; the new hospital was dedicated on  
14 April 2, 1954 and has been added to three times and  
15 extensively remodeled; and

16 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital is a 66-bed,  
17 not-for-profit, community-based general hospital; it is an  
18 affiliate of Memorial Health System of Springfield and serves  
19 17 communities in Logan and eastern Mason County; and

20 WHEREAS, On May 5, 2002, a crowd of 75 gathered near the  
21 hospital's Eighth Street entrance for the rededication  
22 ceremony; Emil Stahlhut, hospital administrator from 1953 to  
23 1983, recalled his years at the hospital and emphasized that  
24 the spirit of the staff has brought the hospital to it's  
25 centennial; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 we congratulate Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln  
29 on its 100th anniversary and wish it many more years of  
30 successful service to the community; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Woody Hester, President and CEO of Abraham  
2 Lincoln Memorial Hospital.